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SUBJECT: GREEK CANDIDACY FOR SECURITY COUNCIL.

1. GREEK EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY KALOMIDAS CALLED ON IO/UNP DIRECTOR BARRY MAY 19 TO REQUEST U.S. SUPPORT FOR GREEK CANDIDACY FOR SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT. KALOMIDAS NOTED IMPORTANT ROLE GREECE HAD PLAYED IN THE PAST IN UN AFFAIRS AND LENGTH OF TIME WHICH HAD PASSED SINCE GREECE LAST HAD A SEAT ON THE COUNCIL.

2. BARRY NOTED U.S. POSITION OF SUPPORT FOR CANDIDATES SELECTED BY REGIONAL GROUPS AND ASKED WHAT PROGRESS GREECE HAD MADE IN DISCUSSIONS IN NEW YORK. KALOMIDAS WAS NOT INFORMED ON THIS POINT BUT INDICATED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD U.S. POLICY.

3. BARRY INDICATED THAT IF GREECE WAS SUCCESSFUL IN PUT-
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TING FORWARD ITS CANDIDACY, U.S. WOULD BE PLEASED TO WORK WITH HER ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

4. WHILE U.S. SUPPORTS REGIONAL GROUP CHOICES AS A MATTER OF NECESSITY, WE BELIEVE THAT CONTRIBUTIONS A COUNTRY COULD MAKE AS A SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBER OUGHT TO PLAY A

PARAMOUNT ROLE IN INFLUENCING COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP. IN THIS CONNECTION, BARRY URGED THAT GREEK GOVERNMENT STUDY CLOSELY U.S. PROPOSALS ON STRENGTHENING SECURITY COUNCIL CONTAINED IN PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE CONGRESS ON UN REFORM. HE NOTED THAT WE WOULD BE DISCUSSING THESE INITIATIVES AT THE SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT, AS WELL AS COMMITTEES ON CHARTER REFORM AND PEACE-KEEPING. U.S. PLACES SPECIAL IMPORTANCE ON STRENGTHENING UN CAPABILITIES IN PEACEKEEPING FIELD.

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